

**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, December 4, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele, DiMaria, Drolet, Duzyj, Gielegthem, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts and Crouchman (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Haggerty.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

I. J. Campbell, Common Road, Roseville

Mr. Campbell spoke in support of Solid Ground.

AWARD HOME FUNDS TO SOLID GROUND, INC., AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT COMMITTING THESE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE MACOMB HOME CONSORTIUM (Item postponed from 11-06-07)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY BRDAK, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AWARD HOME FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$554,253 TO SOLID GROUND, INC., SO THAT IT MAY COMPLETE ITS CONVERSION OF THE OLD RED CROSS BUILDING IN ROSEVILLE INTO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES, AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR CROUCHMAN TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT COMMITTING THESE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE MACOMB COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM.

Questions were directed to Mr. Cassin and Mr. Rozny.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE PURCHASE
OF ROMEO STATE AIRPORT FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLINE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S OFFER TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF THE ROMEO STATE AIRPORT, AND INSTEAD AUTHORIZE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES REGARDING POSSIBLE "AUTHORITY" TYPE OWNERSHIP FOR THE AIRPORT.

Commissioner Brown suggested convening a meeting after the first of the year with the local communities to see if there is interest. Mr. Cassin said that he would be more than happy to set that meeting up.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECEIVE AND FILE REVIEW OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Contained within committee packets was a Department of Planning and Economic Development Organization Chart 2007. It was prepared by Mr. Cassin.

Also contained within committee packets was nine pages of information that was prepared by the Finance Department.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the review of the Planning and Economic Development Department budget.

Mr. Cassin gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: Organization Chart 2007, Revenue and Expense Report by Department, and Proposed Staffing Reduction. Areas of discussion included: Increased responsibilities and the hours spent on Focus Macomb, the Historical Commission, the Annual Report, NACo Awards, and the Trail Commission.

After the presentation, several questions were directed to Mr. Cassin.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brown suggested revisiting the subject of adding a third Economic Development Specialist position. He then suggested eliminating the county's Planning Commission.

Commissioner DeSaele thought the Board should consider changing the name of the Planning and Economic Development Department to something more pro-economic development.

Commissioner Roberts was recently in the Planning and Economic Development Department and commented on how nice their new Web site is.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dee McCardle, Solid Ground

Ms. McCardle thanked commissioners for their support. She invited them to come and tour the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Rengert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter